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September 5, 2023

BY ECF AND EMAIL

The Honorable Richard J. Sullivan
United States Circuit Judge
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse
500 Pearl St., Room 2530
New York, New York 10007

Re: *United States v. Rafael Mercedes Valdez*, 08 Cr. 1137 (RJS)


Dear Judge Sullivan:

On August 8, 2023, the Court directed the Government to respond by August 22, 2023 to the defendant's July 31, 2023 letter to the Court, which requested a reduction in certain monthly payments being made by the defendant during his ongoing period of incarceration. (Dkt. No. 203.) The undersigned counsel for the Government was assigned to this matter today, September 5, 2023. Accordingly, the Government writes to respectfully request that the Court grant an extension of fourteen days, until September 19, 2023, for the Government to respond to the defendant's letter.

The government's extension request is GRANTED. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the government shall respond to Defendant's July 31, 2023 letter by September 19, 2023. The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to terminate the motion at Doc. No. 205 and mail a copy of this order to Defendant.

SO ORDERED

September 6, 2023


RICHARD J. SULLIVAN
United States Circuit Judge
Sitting by Designation

Respectfully submitted,

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